



# MINUTES

## EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 21, 2019 | 8:30 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

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**Members Present:**

Sen. Deidre M. Henderson, Chair  
Rep. V. Lowry Snow, Chair  
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard  
Sen. Kathleen Riebe  
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard  
Rep. Dan N. Johnson  
Rep. Bradley G. Last  
Rep. Jefferson Moss  
Rep. Lee B. Perry  
Rep. Val L. Peterson  
Rep. Stephanie Pitcher  
Rep. Susan Pulsipher  
Rep. Angela Romero

Rep. Mark A. Strong  
Rep. Steve Waldrip  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore  
Sen. Keith Grover  
Rep. Adam Robertson

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst  
Mr. Michael E. Curtis, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Amy Shewan, Associate General Counsel  
Mr. Jesse Dowdle, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Henderson called the meeting to order.

### 1 . Committee Business

Amy Shewan, Associate General Counsel, and Jesse Dowdle, Administrative Assistant, were introduced as new committee staff.

### 2 . Medicaid Reimbursements

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, Utah State Board of Education, Eric Tadehara, Assistant Director for Children Behavioral Health, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, and Emma Chacon, Medicaid Operations Director, Department of Health, were introduced to the committee.

Scott Jones spoke regarding the direction given by H.B. 373 Student Support Amendments, that the State Board of Education, the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, and the Department of Health would study and report to the Education Interim Committee regarding any recommendations related to the expansion of Medicaid reimbursements for eligible school-based services and other areas concerning Medicaid reimbursements.

Emma Chacon reported on Medicaid Reimbursement for school-based health services and answered questions from the committee.

Eric Tadehara spoke to expanding access to services for all children with and without Medicaid.

**MOTION:** Rep. Pulsipher moved to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2019 and June 19, 2019, meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-13

Rep. M. Ballard  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. L. Hillyard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. S. Pitcher  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0Absent-6

Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. M. Strong

**3 . RISE Testing**

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Board of Education, introduced Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent of Student Achievement, Utah State Board of Education.

Darin Nielson presented on recent RISE testing interruptions and corrective measures undertaken, and responded to questions from the committee.

[3 - USBE Report on Rise](#)**3 - USBE Report on Rise**

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Board of Education, recognized the Utah State Board of Education members that were present at the meeting.

Terry Shoemaker, Utah School Board Association and Utah School Superintendent Association, expressed appreciation for the transparency from the Utah State Board of Education and the careful nature of investigations regarding test score validity.

**4 . Public Education Governance**

Representative Melissa Ballard spoke regarding the governance structure of public education in Utah.

[4 - Consolidated Governance Structures](#)

Rep. Melissa Ballard responded to questions from the committee.

**5 . Charter School Closure and Oversight**

Scott Jones, Royce Van Tassell, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, and Jennifer Lambert, Executive Director of the Utah State Charter School, introduced themselves to the committee.

Jennifer Lambert, Executive Director, Utah State Charter School Board, shared a presentation regarding Charter School Closure and Oversight.

[5 - Charter School Closure and Oversight Presentation](#)

Royce Van Tassell, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, identified areas of risk in the Charter School closing process.

Scott Jones, Jennifer Lambert, and Royce Van Tassell responded to questions from the committee.

Rep. Jefferson Moss discussed draft legislation regarding the oversight of charter schools.

Kim Frank, Executive Director, Utah Charter Network, spoke favorably of the Utah State Charter Board.

Howard Stephenson spoke regarding the closure of the the American International School of Utah.

**MOTION:** Rep. Snow moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-12

Rep. M. Ballard  
Sen. D. Henderson  
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Rep. S. Pitcher  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-7

Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. L. Hillyard  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Robertson